Industry/Product group	Weight	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Machinery and equipment other than transport equipment	9.6	7.3	1.3	1.6
Transport equipment & Parts	4.0	-2.0	6.8	14.6
Other manufacturing Industries	2.6	11.6	8.9	0.1

Manufacturing of cheapest CTV and refrigerators

486. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has become the cheapest manufacturing base for colour televisions and refrigerators in the world, beating even China by a few dollars in the race; and

(b) if so, the factors responsible for the progress?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) The major color television, refrigerator brands such as LG, Samsung, Philips, Whirlpool, BPL, Onida, Videocon etc. have witnessed substaintial growth in the production and sale in the recent past.

The Indian industry have reduced cost of production by restructuring through production process based on the best practices, better supply chain management and increased use of information and communication technology. The industry has also further taken the advantages of the availability of large pool of trained and skilled manpower in the country.

Trade fair in Beijing

†487. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a trade fair of Indian made items was organised in Beijing recently as a result of follow up action of the Prime Minister's recent China visit; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.